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THE NEXT SUPREME COURT APPOINTMENT

Several commissions have been appointed by the President of the United States to make studies and recommendations regarding the crime problem. At the President's urging, substantial federal funds have been appropriated to improve law enforcement and diminish the causes of crime.

As commendable as these measures are, there remains another necessary Presidential step to be taken, when the occasion arises, and that is with respect to the next vacancy, or vacancies, on the Supreme Court of the United States. At least one such vacancy, due to resignation, is expected in the very near future.

To replace any one of the present members of the Court—and particularly one of the "conservatives"—with someone who is an adherent of the

ultra-liberal philosophy currently embraced by some of the Justices would be a grave mistake.

The next appointee to the Supreme Court—and, indeed, *any* future appointee—should be an able, experienced *federal or state court judge* who, by his judicial decisions and opinions, has evidenced a viewpoint of *moderation* with respect to the issue of individual civil liberties and public safety.

Although a judge's prior decisions and opinions constitute no guarantee against future deviations, they do afford a rational basis for selection.

A selection from within the Judiciary itself would serve as an inspiration to the Bench at large. It would also enhance the stature of the Court.

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